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5 October 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, Fort Polk, ATTN:  
LTC Paul Colthirst, 7223 Mississippi Avenue, Bldg 1561, Fort Polk, LA 71459

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, Fort Polk

1. A distinctive unit insignia is authorized effective this date for the U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, Fort Polk. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

### DESCRIPTION

On a shield shaped silver metal and epoxied device 1 1/8" (2.86cm) in height blazoned as follows: Murrey, semy-de-lis Argent (Silver), a bend Argent bearing a cross bendwise Gules. Attached below the shield, a tri-parted Black scroll inscribed with "**ASSESS DEVELOP ASSURE**" in Silver.

### SYMBOLISM

The escutcheon bears the fleur-de-lis commonly associated with the state of Louisiana, through French influence, pays tribute to the location of Fort Polk. The white stole with a red cross alludes to the historical mission of mercy that medical units have always performed and the cross of St. George from the Episcopal Church flag; represent the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, the Episcopal bishop of Louisiana known as the "Fighting Bishop" after whom Fort Polk was named. Maroon and white are the traditional colors of the Army Medical Department. Silver metal denotes precision and sterility.

2. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command Permanent Order 235-013, dated 22 August 2016. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history files.

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**DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY  
FORT POLK, LOUISIANA**

**TYPE II D-6970**

**\*\*This Drawing is 6x-Actual Size\*\***

**FOR COLOR PLACEMENT ONLY  
NOT FOR COLOR MATCH**

ACTUAL SIZE-----1 1/8" ± 1/64" High (2.86 cm ± 0.04 cm)

METAL COLOR-----Silver  
PLATING-----Nickel  
FINISH-----Mirror-like polish

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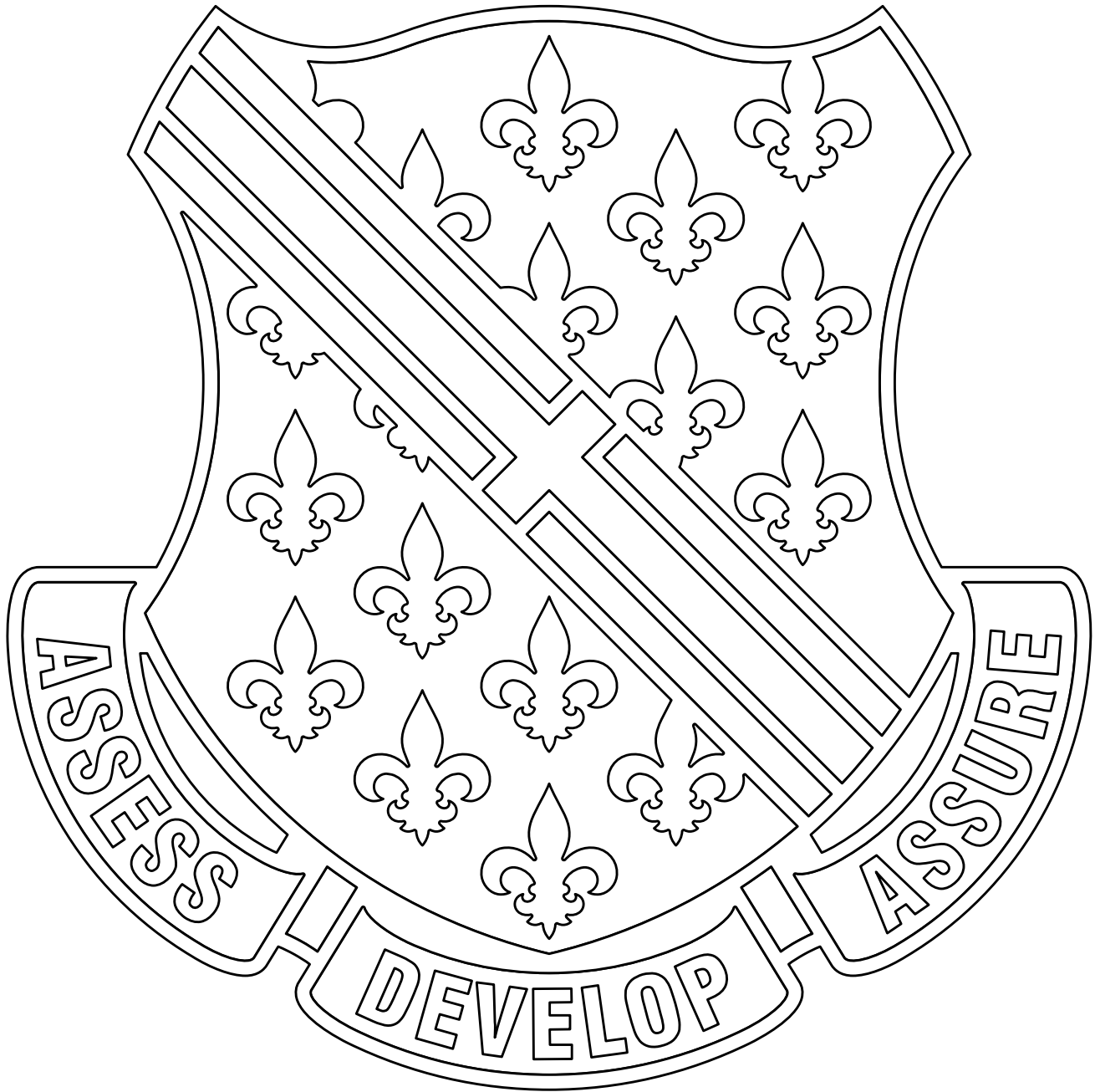
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PIERCING-----None, area between scroll and shield to be recessed and textured  
EPOXY-----Stoning  
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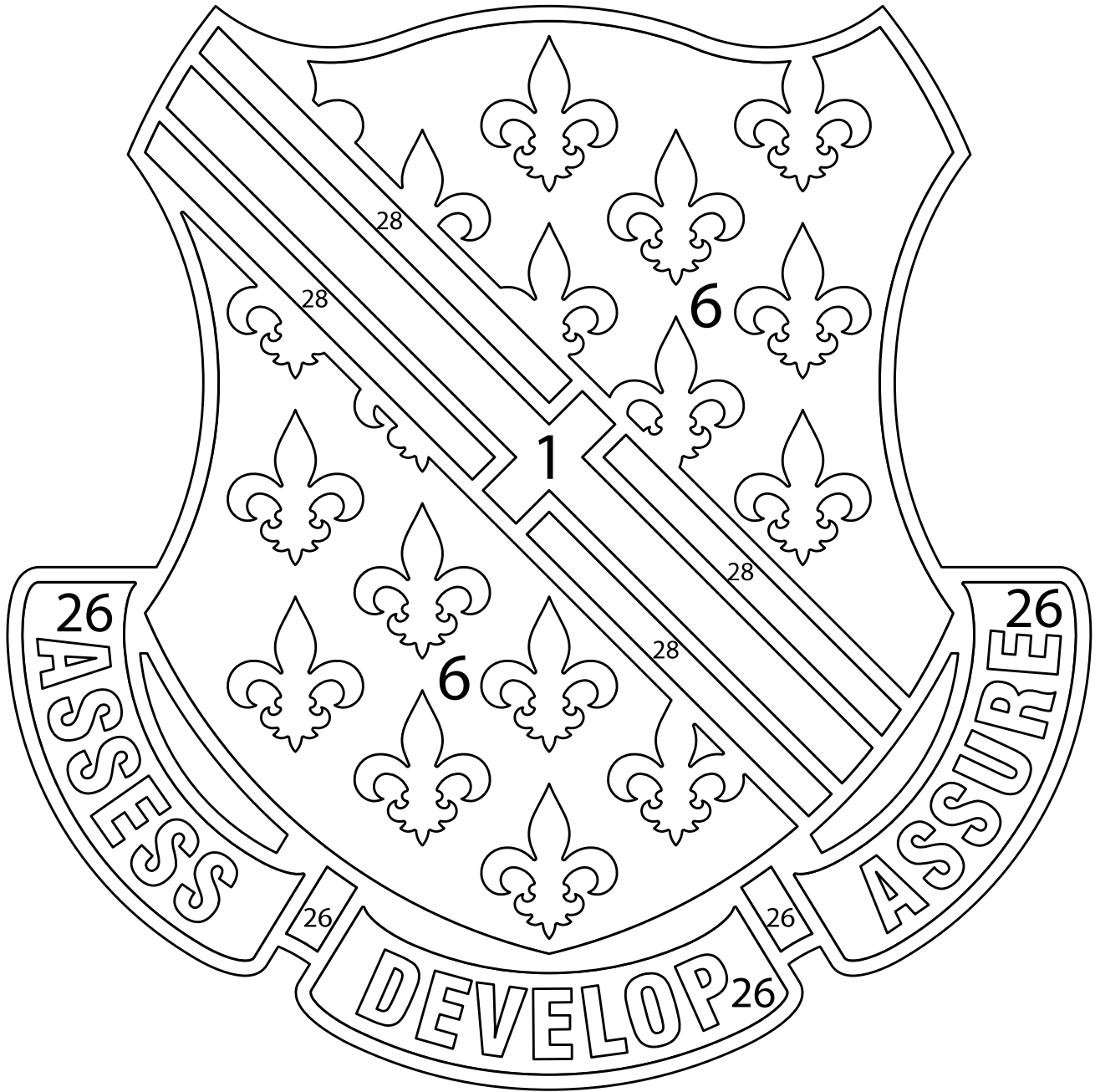
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